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1. REF A AND REF B EVIDENTLY CROSSED.

2. SHORT OF A DIRECT APPROACH BY THE EGYPTIANS TO THE VIETNAMESE IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE AN ALTERNATIVE ESPECIALLY SINCE THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEDE TO THE GOE REQUEST WHICH BAC HAS OBTAINED FROM PRESIDENT THIEU IS BASED ON AN APPROACH BY THE SAUDIS ON BEHALF OF THE EGYPTIANS. HOWEVER, IN COURSE OF A FURTHER MEETING I HAD WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY TO REVIEW SEVERAL MATTERS PRIOR TO HIS SEPTEMBER 19 DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK BAC TOLD ME HE HAS INITIATED A REQUEST FOR A BILATERAL MEETING WITH SAQQAF IN NEW YORK. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES EVEN GIVEN SAQQAF'S DILATORY HABITS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE EGYPTIANS TO MOVE HIM TO MAKING THE APPROACH TO THE GVN AT THAT TIME IF NOT BEFORE.

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